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WHEREAS, the creation of community gardens is an initiative gaining interest and support throughout Franklin County and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, access to fresh produce grown by community gardeners for their own consumption and donation to local food pantries means healthier diets for families, especially those increasingly dependent on food pantries for produce because of dwindling incomes; and

WHEREAS, the sale of fresh produce grown by community gardeners to the general public improves quality of life and economic opportunity for all people in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wish to support the community garden movement by creating a community garden on Franklin County-owned land at the intersection of Frank and Gantz Roads and do so as authorized by Sections 307.07 and 307.85 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Gantz Road Community Garden is being developed with guidance provided by the Franklin Park Conservatory "Growing to Green" and OSU Extension Master Gardener programs, which will continue to provide ongoing assistance with planning and technical support to individual gardeners; and

WHEREAS, the Gantz Road Garden will be cultivated using organic methods and principles and maintained in a manner that minimizes negative impact on the environment; and

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WHEREAS, costs incurred in the creation of the Gantz Road Community Garden will not exceed $10,000 and will be absorbed within the current unencumbered appropriations of the Sanitary Engineer and Public Facilities Management; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. The Franklin County Board of Commissioners authorize creation of the Gantz Road Community Garden.

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